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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, LA, US, IN

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ASYLUM REQUEST FROM LAO DIPLOMAT

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT LAO DIPLOMAT THONGDAM SIMMALAVONG, ASSIGNED TO LAO EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI, HAS TOLD FRIENDS IN US OF HIS PLANS NOT TO RETURN HOME TO LAOS WHEN ORDERED TO DO SO. SIMMALAVONGS ARE SAID TO BE AFRAID THAT WIFE'S STUDIES IN THE U.S. (M.A., UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN) AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS WITH AMERICANS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS DISADVANTAGE SHOULD THEY GO HOME TO LAOS.

2. DEPARTMENT INTENDS THIS MESSAGE AS AN ALERT TO EMBASSY; IF MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS RECEIVED, EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED. SHOULD THE COUPLE REQUEST POLITICAL ASYLUM, REQUEST SHOULD BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULAR
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